

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-69, and 76-77 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment cancels claim 1-3, 5-35, 43, 46-50, 61-67, and 76-77 without prejudice. Thus, claims 36-42, 44, 45, 51-60, and 68-69 remain pending for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment, which is respectfully requested. Claims 36, 44, 45, 68, and 69 are independent.

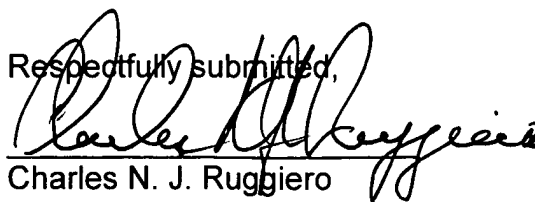
Claims 36, 44-45, and 68-69 have been allowed. Claims 37-42 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 36. Claims 51-60 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 68. Thus, all of the pending claims are allowable.

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer with respect to U.S. Application Serial No. 10/527,520 and U.S. Patent No. 7,018,727, which is believed to obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for issuance. Such action is solicited. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

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